മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിൽ ഒരു ഭാഗത്തിനു മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞുകാണുന്നില്ല. ഏതു കൊല്ലത്തിലാണ് ഇതു തയ്യാറാക്കിയത് എന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, I have already replied that in 1102 or 03 we have spent about Rs. 4,000.

Dr. A. R. Menon.— Is there any possibility of opening this channel all through the year by deepening it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— There is only one way for that. When the Chalakudy diversion scheme materialises it will be possible to send in water during the dry season into this canal.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— കാരാഞ്ചിറനിന്നും കുഴപ്പുള്ളിക്കരക്ക് ഒരു പാലം വരുന്നതുവരെ പുഴവിൽതോട്ടിനു പടിഞ്ഞാറുവശം ഒരു റോഡുവരേണ്ട ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെന്നു ഗവൺമെൻറിനറിയാമോ? തോട് താഴ്ത്തുകയാണെങ്കിൽ പടിഞ്ഞാറെ കരയിൽ കുറെ മണ്ണുകിട്ടും. അതേ ആവശ്യമുള്ളൂ. ഇതിനു വലിയ ചിലവൊന്നുമില്ല. അങ്ങിനെ തോട്ട താഴ്ത്തികിട്ടുന്ന മണ്ണുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ പുഴവിൽ പാലംവരെ ഒരു റോഡുണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കയുംചെയ്യും.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, is it pertaining to this question?

Mr. President.—There is only the 'thodu' that is common in the supplementary question and the original question. (Laughter). Anyhow the Chief Engineer may note this suggestion.

Mr. K. S. Panickar.—It is to minimise the expenditure of the Government that I am suggesting this.

Service connection—Nemmara and Vallanghy.

131. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many applications have been received from the inhabitants of Nemmara and Vallanghy for house connection pipes of the drinking water by fixing meters;

(2) what is the cause of not giving house connection to such applicants;

(3) is it due to the scarcity of water in the works or due to want of a pucca engine to pump sufficient quantity of water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Four.

(2) The yield of the bore-hole during the period of greatest drought had to be ascertained before a decision could be taken on the question of giving house service connections.

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(3) Vide answer to (2). The machinery in the Head Works are in good condition.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.— Will the drought affect the bore-holes?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Yes. Rain is the source of supply to the bore.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is there any mean of finding out the quantity of water we get a day in a particular bore?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have tested it last year when the drought was phenomenal

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Can we reasonably expect to get a good supply of water throughout the year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the date when the first of these four applications was received by the department?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was sometime last year.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— In the beginning of the year or towards the close?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In the beginning of last year.

Necessity of an east to west thodu connecting Eroor thodu with the Ernakulam back-water.

132. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) are the Government aware of the failures of crops in the Irimpanam, Eroor and Punnurunni wetlands on account of annual floods; have the Government received complaints on this; if so, when;

(2) what is the area of wet lands in each of the three places;

(3) is there any easy outlet for excess rain water in the said areas;

(4) will not the construction of an east to west thodu from Eroor thodu to the Ernakulam backwater give considerable relief to the affected areas; in that case cannot single crop lands be converted to double crop ones;

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